

GATES STAYING CONNECTED TECHNICAL SUPPORT GRANT 2**GRANT GUIDELINES**

The Gates Staying Connected Technical Support Grant, administered by the New Hampshire State Library, will assist in providing basic and advanced technical assistance and support for public library staff so that public access computing will be improved and new technology sustained.

The Grant will provide funds to support the following areas of technical support:

- Assistance in writing a three year technology plan
- Assistance in writing a financial plan to support public access computing or assistance in planning designing and implementing a network
- Assistance to contract with a vendor for on-call technical support or to contract with a vendor to implement a technology plan
- Assistance with configuring patron authentication for the New Hampshire Downloadable Audio Book program from OverDrive.

The Grant will not fund:

- Computer hardware or software
- Library Automation Systems

Eligibility

All New Hampshire public libraries will be eligible to apply for funding.

Review Process and Timeline

A panel of library and technical professionals will review all applications. Reviewers' evaluations are based solely on the application and supporting documentation provided by the applicant. Final recommendations for funding are made by the State Librarian.

December 1, 2006 Grant application deadline, all applications must be received by 4:30pm on December, 2006.

December 4-21 Review and award of grants

August 31, 2007 Grant recipients must submit a report on the use of the grant funds.